

ELKHART COUNTY TO BUILD ROADS

Petitions For Highway of Concrete From Elkhart to Nappanee Are Filed—Calls For Eighteen Miles.

ELKHART, Ind., May 14.—A petition for a four-mile stretch of cement road in Harrison township filed with the county auditor Thursday, furnishes the connecting link of improved highways between Elkhart and Nappanee, when the roads now petitioned for are completed. The petition bears 38 signatures. The proposed Harrison township road is to be 15 feet wide.

It starts where the Oakland av. pavement ends at the Concord-Harrison line, runs south three miles and then west one mile to the Harrison-Olive line.

A few days ago a petition was filed for a similar improvement from the Harrison-Olive line west one mile and south through Wakarusa three miles to the Olive-Locke line, and also another petition for a one-mile improvement eastward from that point to the corner of Olive, Harrison, Union and Locke, to connect with the five-mile improved road on the Locke-Union line reaching to Nappanee.

The petitions now prepared will be brought before the county commissioners on Monday, June 7. If favorable action follows, it will mean a paved road of eighteen miles between Elkhart and Nappanee. This will run seven miles straight south out of Elkhart, then two miles west, then three miles south, then one mile east and then five miles south. It will be through a beautiful and prosperous farming country. This artery will prove of distinct advantage to Elkhart.

Since School Supt. E. H. Drake announced his intention of accepting the superintendency of the Kalamazoo schools, applications have been received from forty-eight educators all over the country for the job which pays \$2,700 a year. The school board announced that it would make its choice by June 15.

Richard Fowler, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler of Goshen, had a narrow escape from drowning when he was found floating face downward in Rock Run creek. He was rescued by a chance passerby and resuscitated after physicians had worked over him for some time.

That the "old" Lake Shore may be rejuvenated, and the New York Central line between Buffalo and Chicago be rechristened with its former familiar and honored title, is a rumor that is circulating among railroaders living here.

It is said that a legal hitch is likely to prevent the complete merger of the New York and Hudson River Railroad Co. and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Co., and that the line west of Buffalo will therefore be compelled to resume a distinct title, presumably its former one.

WOMEN DRILLED, WAIT CALL TO ARMS.



MRS. J. HUNGERFORD MILLBANK

"If international complications should arise that would make a call to arms necessary, women may be counted upon to do some of the fighting." So spoke Mrs. G. Hungerford Millbank, head of the International Order of Military Women, who has been drilling 150 women in the Fourteenth regiment armory of Brooklyn.

"If war should come, we are ready to shoulder guns and go to the front to defend the honor of our nation," Mrs. Millbank explained.

U. S. TO AID IN HOUSING PROBLEM

Studies Made in Methods of Meeting Congestion in Europe Show Government Must Assist Wage Earner.

By Victor Elliott.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Foreseeing a demand that the United States government help to solve the housing problem of the congested industrial centers of the country, the bureau of labor statistics has just issued a bulletin showing the extent to which government aid is extended to home owning and housing of workers in foreign countries. This aid in Europe and Australia is shown to have been very completely developed. Officials dealing with the question have come to the belief that only the state can adequately meet the difficulty of securing decent living quarters for factory operatives and other wage-workers in great cities.

Ten international congresses upon housing have marked the growth of this conviction, and its adoption as a permanent social policy. The accepted view abroad is that the government must systematically regulate, encourage and financially assist the wage-workers either to build or rent at reasonable figures sanitary and wholesome dwellings.

The form in which aid is given by the general or local governments usually is found in one of three classes. Either the government builds houses directly, for rent or for sale to its employees or for the working people generally; or it loans public funds to local authorities, non-commercial building associations, employers or individuals, or it grants exemptions from taxes, or other subsidy to building associations or others.

National enterprises in the building of homes for sale or rental to government employees are found in Austria, Germany, Hungary and Roumania. State of provincial home-building of the same sort is done in Germany, Switzerland and Roumania, and municipal home-building for civil servants in Germany, Hungary and Roumania.

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the working people by government enterprise in France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Australia and New Zealand.

The most notable sources of public loans are the funds of the sickness insurance associations and the state accident insurance in Austria, and the funds of the invalidity and old-age pension institutes in France and Germany.

"These loans in Germany," says the department's report, "represent the most important financial aid to housing anywhere developed, having reached a total of over \$118,000,000. The imperial government, the individual states and the municipalities of Germany have made more than \$228,000,000 available for housing purposes."

BRITISH SUBMARINE IN SEA OF MARMORA

Turkish Fleet, It is Said, Will Make Dash to Sea if Worst Comes to Worst.

CAIRO, May 14.—A dispatch from Constantinople says great depression has been caused by the news that the number of killed in recent battles of the Dardanelles has exceeded anything known in the most severe actions of the Balkan war. Wounded continue to arrive from the front.

Popular alarm has been intensified by the news that a British submarine entered the sea of Marmora.

It is generally believed that the German naval officers commanding the Turkish fleet have decided if the worst comes to the worst, to run out of the Bosphorus on a dark night with a north wind, which would prevent the Russian flotilla from approaching too closely the mine fields and make for neutral ports. It is proposed to take the Goeben, Breslau, Hamidieh and eight destroyers as well as the best German merchantmen.

GETS PRISON SENTENCE

Jesse Brozier is Found Guilty of Jewelry Thefts.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., May 14.—Jesse Brozier, alias Charles Anderson, was convicted here Thursday of stealing jewelry valued at \$1,500 from the home of Joseph Lewis in this city and was sentenced to a term of one to 14 years at Michigan City. Brozier is said to have worked with a gang of jewelry thieves operating in northern Indiana. He was arrested while pawning valuables in Indianapolis.

SAYS MAN IS HUSBAND

Mrs. Carrie Whitbeck Will Fight For Estate of Accident Victim.

LAPORTE, Ind., May 14.—Deeply veiled in mourning for her husband who was killed in an automobile tragedy near this city Monday, May 3, though admitting that she had not seen him for 12 years, Mrs. Carrie Whitbeck, 1443 W. Jackson blvd., Chicago, by examination of the coroner's evidence proved that the victim was John Whitbeck, to whom she was married 30 years ago, and that he had again married without securing a divorce from her, the woman who came to this city and accompanied the remains to Chicago. Both women, each unconscious of the presence of the other, were mourners at the grave. Mrs. Whitbeck declared that she would legally contest for possession of her husband's property, even though it is claimed by the second wife.

MEN PRESENT DEMANDS

Street Car Workers in Chicago Ask Wage Increase.

CHICAGO, May 14.—William Quintan, president, and William Taber, secretary of the street car men's union, called on Pres't Leonard A. Busby of the surface lines Thursday and presented to him the demands of 11,000 street car workers for better wages and improved working conditions. The men want the minimum wage of motormen and conductors increased from 23 to 33 cents an hour and the maximum from 32 to 36 cents an hour. Mr. Busby said he would give the request his attention.

FEAR FOR TRANSYLVANIA

Think She Will Meet the Fate of the Lusitania.

QUEENSTOWN, May 14.—Everybody is now waiting for the Transylvania which is due here on Saturday. Nobody of the Cunard here expects anything but that she will meet the same fate as the Lusitania. But all is quiet in the realization that nothing can be done in advance to prevent such a fate. There is undoubtedly a covey of submarines outside waiting for the Transylvania and no matter what her course may be some one will get her.

WILL BE LOYAL TO UNITED STATES

German-Americans to Stick to Stars and Stripes Says President of United Societies—England is Blamed.

NEW YORK, May 14.—"If it ever comes to a war with Germany the German-Americans of the United States will be found absolutely loyal to the stars and stripes," said Alphonse G. Koelble, president of the United German societies of New York Thursday night. Mr. Koelble had been prompted to make this statement because of various rumors that in the present crisis the Germans in this country were siding with the land of their birth against the land of their adoption.

"Nevertheless, I do not believe we will ever have to fight Germany," continued Mr. Koelble. "We would be foolish to lose our heads. We could gain nothing by ceasing to have Germany's friendship. Europe has been looking to us as the great peacemaker, who will be able when the time comes to work great good as a mediator. We should not throw away that tremendous opportunity."

"England would like to see us embroiled, of course. England sees that it would divert our attention from expanding our commerce with South America and the rest of the world. Instead of letting ourselves be dragged into this war and spending millions for ships and shells we should be constructing a peace navy, a great mercantile marine, with which to carry our exports to the countries who are now only eager to buy because their old time trade with Europe has been crippled or entirely cut off."

"The German-Americans of this country were horrified by the killing of the women and children passengers of the Lusitania. But we also are horrified with the thought that the women and children of Germany have been doomed by England to starve. Between drowning and starvation I ask which is the worse?"

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